

ILLINOIS MINE UNION MAY ASK OWN SCALE

Threatens Separate Parley Unless Interstate Conference Is Called.

MARCH 31 IS TIME LIMIT

Leader Calls Executive Board's Order 'Impertinent'—Two Districts for Strike.

St. Louis, March 8.—Illinois coal miners will enter into negotiations with the mine operators of the State in an effort to reach a wage agreement without the sanction of the International Executive Board unless the International officers succeed in arranging an interstate conference between miners and operators of the central competitive field, Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois union, announced to-day.

The sting of this ultimatum, contained in a telegram to international headquarters at Indianapolis by Mr. Farrington, was somewhat removed, however, when the Illinois president announced that he expected both sides would be at Washington before the date set in his message, March 31, and that the future really rests in the hands of President Harding and his cabinet.

W. K. Kavanaugh, chairman of the Operators Association of the Fifth and Ninth Illinois Districts, was less hopeful of averting a shutdown than the union chief. Differences between the international board and the Illinois leader are the result of Farrington's insistence on entering into separate negotiations with the operators of his State in accordance with a clause in their State wage contract if the operators in the other States of the central field refuse to abide by an agreement for a joint conference. Farrington declared that the executives board's telegram was "presumptuous and impertinent" and a "vain attempt to put the Illinois mine workers in a false position." He said there was nothing in the Illinois miners' move to carry out that part of their contract requiring negotiations with the operators not later than March 31.

Indianapolis, March 8.—Announcement to-day by the United Mine Workers of America said that, according to a telegram from Frank Farrington, no single State wage agreement between coal operators and miners will be made by the Illinois officials without the consent of the policy committee of the international union.

Bellefonte, Pa., March 8.—The vote of the 11,000 miners in the Belleville subdistrict will be approximately 25 to 1 for a strike, James Mason, secretary-treasurer of the subdistrict, announced to-day. Local No. 4,650 voted 350 to 18 for a strike.

Birmingham, Ala., March 8.—Members of the United Mine Workers of America in the Alabama field, known as district No. 20, have voted overwhelmingly to strike on April 1, it became known here to-day.

\$1,600 IN POCKET, OFFERS COP \$50 TO KILL HIM

Vergo Found Panhandling for Gun in Fifth Avenue.

William Vergo, who says he is a laborer, no home, stepped up to a man at Fifth avenue and Thirty-fifth street last night and said:

"Give me a gun; I want to shoot myself."

The man grabbed Vergo and walked him to Thirty-fourth street and handed him over to Patrolman Whittaker of the West Thirtieth street station.

"Let me have your gun a minute," said Vergo. "I want to kill myself."

The policeman refused and Vergo offered him \$10 to shoot him. He raised the offer to \$50, and then Whittaker took him to the police station, where he boosted his offer to \$100. Dr. Barnett, from New York Hospital, sent him to Bellevue for observation.

Vergo said he had a room but had forgotten where. He had \$1,600 in cash, which he said he had drawn from the bank to send to his mother in Hungary.

ASK CHURCH AID FOR JOBLESS.

The City Employment Bureau, 125 Worth street, mailed letters yesterday to all Protestant churches in the city asking their cooperation in finding jobs for the 16,000 men who have filed applications with the bureau, but who have not yet been able to get work.

To facilitate the placing of men all the applicants are classified in the bureau's index.



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FELINE TENANT GETS STAY UNTIL 7 KITTENS CAN SEE

Landlord Defies Tenement Inspector Who Would Have Him Plug Up Hole Where Mother and Her Young Have Made Their Home.

Max Schwarzer, who owns the tenement house at 217 Bowers, appeared before Magistrate Harris yesterday on the complaint of Louis Schlett, tenement house inspector, who said Schwarzer had failed to plug up holes in the walls of a room in the house.

"Judge," said Schwarzer, "I plugged up those holes like the inspector told me, but no sooner were those holes plugged up and everything made fine like the law calls for than I heard a meowing in the wall. Judge, I love animals, and I'm not one of those who hate cats."

"Well, I hear this meowing in the wall, and Judge, I get busy and poke new holes in the wall to locate the noise, for I figured we had plastered a cat in the wall and, well, Judge, a man can't plaster a dumb animal up in a wall and leave it there to starve and—

"Anyway, your Honor, I finally come to the corner and poke a hole in the wall I'd just fixed up like the inspector wants, when what do I see inside the wall all thin and scared looking but a

cat, and she's sitting there protecting seven little kittens. Judge, those kittens were just born. She must have crawled in there and had them while we were working on the wall like the inspector ordered."

"I used coaxing and milk and a bit of fish and meat to get the cat to come out and bring her babies, but she wouldn't move. All she'd do was meow weak like and stare at you as if she was daring you to hurt her seven babies. I tried all ways of getting her out and I look in with a light and see that those babies of hers were still blind—so young their eyes are still shut. They were hungry, too, and I shoved some milk in to the mother cat because she was sort of thin and weak looking."

"I asked about it and a man told me that it took nine days for a kitten's eyes to open. And, your Honor, I ain't got the heart to—"

"Neither has this court," interrupted Magistrate Harris. "This case is adjourned until those kittens get their eyes open."

declared that she found in the present appropriation bill an item for \$130,000 for a swine and sheep building at the State Fair at Syracuse, but nothing for the care of babies.

Under the Duell bill the State would appropriate \$75,000 to meet a Federal appropriation of \$85,000. The women favored this bill in preference to the Davenport bill, under which the State would appropriate \$100,000 for care in maternity cases and would reject the offer of the Federal Government.

CHIEF BACK, SO 6 POLICE QUIT

ATLANTIC CITY, March 8.—Six of Ventnor City's nine policemen resigned and handed in their uniforms to-day when William Sprague resumed his interrupted duties as chief. Sprague was dismissed by former Mayor Godfrey more than a year ago. He was reinstated by a ruling of the Supreme court, which held his dismissal illegal.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Secretary Mellon announced to-night an offering of \$250,000,000 of one year 4½ per cent. Treasury certificates, and an issue of four year 4½ per cent. Treasury notes for an undetermined amount. Both are dated March 15, the certificates being on the usual terms, but the notes are offered only in exchange for 4½ per cent. Victory notes pursuant to the Treasury's refunding plans for the gradual retirement of Victory notes.

Payment for the new notes, Secretary Mellon said, could not be made in cash by credit in Treasury certificates, or in 3½ per cent. Victory notes. The right to close the subscriptions for the notes at any time without notice was reserved.

The one year Treasury certificates, the secretary explained, were being offered to provide for the Treasury's cash requirements remaining above the \$250,000,000 expected from income and profits tax collections for March in addition to other resources of revenue.

On March 15, he stated, about \$50,000,000 of Treasury certificates will mature, and about \$107,000,000 of interest on the public debt will become payable, while on April 1 about \$12,000,000 of certificates will mature and on April 15 about \$135,000,000 of interest on the Fourth Liberty Loan will fall due.

J. W. DAVIS TO HELP CHADBOURNE'S FIGHT

Former Ambassador to Act as Counsel for Friend.

The services of John W. Davis, former Ambassador to Great Britain, have been offered to Thomas L. Chadbourne, the New York lawyer who has been accused of unethical conduct and against whom disbarment proceedings are to be instituted by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Mr. Davis and the accused lawyer are friends of long standing and when numerous prominent lawyers made offers to take the side of Mr. Chadbourne against the Bar Association that of Mr. Davis was accepted. He will be associated with William D. Guthrie, president of the State Bar Association, who is Mr. Chadbourne's chief counsel.

No date has been set for the hearing before the Appellate Division, and it was said yesterday that there might be several weeks delay because the Bar Association had not yet appointed its counsel. The customary procedure in disbarment cases is for the Appellate Division to consider the case and then appoint a referee to take testimony.

WOMEN URGE PASSAGE OF MATERNITY AID BILL

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Albany, March 8.

With the plea that New York State has been lax in its care of mothers and infants a big delegation, led by Mrs. Frank A. Vanderbilt, came to Albany to-day to urge passage of the Duell bill, requiring the State to accept the Sheppard-Towner Federal maternity act.

At a hearing before the joint Senate Health and Finance committees, they called attention to the appropriations made by the State for cows, hogs and other animals and asked why the same rule should not apply to women and children.

Mrs. Ella A. Boole, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union,

asked that the State should take the same care of its women and children as it does of its cows and hogs.

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UNTERMYER ASSAILS INSURANCE METHODS

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ance companies to invest in the same sort of securities that life insurance companies and savings banks have found so safe and satisfactory. There are not any cats and dogs in the stock market that the fire insurance companies have not got among their investments. A group of the large companies in this State as a result of their investment policy have had losses aggregating \$10,000,000 or more on liquidating on falling markets.

"The fire insurance companies sent the brainy and defiant men who are at the head of them to appear before our committee. They told us how they invested their funds and that it was not of our business. We think the time has come for a showdown. We want to know if these companies with \$50,000,000 of unearned premiums in their hands are not amenable to any law."

"Each of half a dozen large fire insurance companies in New York earns an average of a million in interest a year in unearned premiums—the policy holders' money, all of it. We think these people are in the insurance business and not in the stock gambling business, but judging from lists of their investments it looks as if with them insurance was only a side business."

John M. O'Hanlon, representing the State Federation of Labor, said the American Federation of Labor opposed the bill making the investment of 40 per cent. of insurance company assets in building loans compulsory.

GOV. MILLER CONFERS ON HOME RULE BILL

To Try to Pass Tolbert-Ullman Amendment.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau.

While both Houses of the Legislature plowed through ponderous calendars to-day, a series of conferences on home rule occupied the attention of the lead-

ers. Gov. Miller and the home rule advocates.

The Tolbert-Ullman constitutional amendment has been picked out of the dozen or more home rule proposals as the basis for action. Several amendments were decided upon and will be introduced in both Houses to-morrow. They exclude counties from the provisions of the act. Under the amendment the governing boards of cities, towns and villages are to have control over their local affairs.

It is understood that the bill now has the backing of Senator Lusk, the majority leader, and that if it passes the Senate Speaker Macchiaro will not hold it up in the Assembly.

Senator Tolbert talked with Gov. Miller this afternoon on the bill in an effort to enlist his support. It is not believed the Governor will place any obstructions in his way, although he would rather have had the whole Home Rule problem threshed out first by the New York Charter Revision Commission.

The determination of the Home Rule advocates to get action at the regular session is prompted by the failure of the Charter Revision Commission to be ready to report in time for an extraordinary session of the Legislature this summer.

Assemblyman O'Connor of New York failed in his motion to have the Rules Committee discharged from further consideration of his bill to abolish The Bronx Parkway Commission.

Assemblyman Cuvillier's motion to get out his bill creating a reserve militia of world war veterans with provision that they are to be paid \$10 for each month served in the war was beaten by a vote of 73 to 51.

The Assembly also voted down Assemblyman Merrigan's motion to force out his bill providing that women shall be represented on political committees.

Assemblyman Joseph L. Steinberg said he has the assurance of a favorable report from the Rules Committee on his bill transferring from the New York City Bureau of Licenses to the Police Commission supervision over and power of licensing taxicab drivers. The bill is backed by Chief Magistrate William McAdoo, and Mr. Steinberg said that in the light of the present crime conditions in New York city it is one of the most important measures before the Legislature.

Last week it was not believed the bill had much chance of passage, but Mr. Steinberg believes he has convinced the leaders of its necessity.

The Senate passed to-day with little opposition the Fearon bill, carrying out Gov. Miller's recommendation on State

printing. The measure would remove the State printing monopoly in Albany by permitting the awarding of many contracts for department printing instead of awarding it all in a single contract, thus eliminating competition.

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